



# LIBYA NEWS UPDATE

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## PM DBEIBAH FORMS MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, URGES LPDF TO ENSURE ELECTIONS HAPPEN

Libyan Prime Minister Dbeibah called on the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum to ensure the Dec. 24 elections go ahead as scheduled. This comes as the LPDF meeting in Geneva failed to produce an agreement. Differences had started to emerge after a proposal was submitted which demanded no conditions be placed on presidential candidates, especially with regard to dual nationality, termination of military status in case of candidacy to public office, and disqualification based on indictments for war crimes and human rights abuses. This was seen by many LPDF participants as an attempt to bend the constitutional rule to facilitate the candidacy of Gen. Khalifa Haftar, who holds U.S. citizenship, refuses to resign from leadership of LAAF, and currently has several indictments against him in European and U.S. courts.



Meanwhile, the Prime Minister issued a decision to form a special ministerial committee to follow the preparations for the elections, coordinate support among the various institutions and provide them all the necessary assistance. The decision came as the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) launched the voter registration.

## LIBYA CENTRAL BANK AUDIT BOOSTS REUNIFICATION HOPES

The independent audit report of both branches of the Central Bank of Libya by Deloitte International has been presented to the Libyan government at an official event in Tripoli. The report was requested by the previous government in July 2018 and was endorsed by UN Resolution 2434 in September 2018. The report was carried out with the goal of restoring the Central Bank's integrity, transparency, and public confidence, as well as preparing for the full unification of both of branches in Eastern and Western Libya.



Prime Minister Dbeibah confirmed that the unification of the CBL is a priority for the country, adding that any recommendations for the government would be taken into account.

## PM VISITS TOBRUK

Prime Minister Dbeibah recently led a GNU ministerial delegation to Tobruk. During his visit, the Prime Minister attended the inauguration of the Cardiac and Internal Medicine Department of the Tobruk Medical Center, where he also discussed what support the government can provide. The Prime Minister also led an inspection visit to the Tobruk power plant and discussed the financial support needed to complete the supply and implementation work.

